

## **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)**

*Prelims: Current events of national and international importance*

### **Why in News?**

*Recently, APEDA organized a conclave to strengthen the Agri-exports from Assam and improve market access for agricultural and organic products.*

- **Aim** - APEDA is a statutory body for the **Promotion and development of exports** of agricultural and processed food products.
- **Established under** - The APEDA Act of 1985.
- **Established in** - 1986.
- **Nodal Ministry** - **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, Government of India.
- **Core Responsibilities**
  - **Development & Promotion** - Development of industries related to scheduled products and promotion of export-oriented production.
  - **Registration & Standards** - Registration of exporters and fixing export standards and specifications.
  - **Quality Control** - Inspection of meat and meat products to ensure quality.
  - **Marketing & Packaging** - Improvement of packaging and marketing of scheduled products.
  - **Data & Training** - Collection and publication of statistics and training in industries connected with scheduled products.
  - **Organic Certification** - Implementation of the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP).
- **Key Scheduled Products**
  - **Cereals** - Rice, wheat, other cereals
  - **Fruits and Vegetables**
  - **Processed Food** - Processed fruits, vegetables, spices, animal products, confectionery.
  - **Animal Products** - Milk, meat, eggs

- **Organic Products** - Organic agricultural and food products
- Various millets, cashew nuts & its products, and groundnut.
- **Alcoholic Beverages** - Beer, wine, whisky, rum, gin, brandy
- **Floriculture & Seeds** - Flowers, floriculture products, seeds.
- **Current Leadership & Network** - It comprises a chairman, representatives from Central Ministries, Parliament, States/UTs, research institutions, export promotion councils, industry representatives, and specialists.
- **Chairman** - Shri Abhishek Dev.
- **Headquarters** - New Delhi.
- **Presence** - Head office and 16 regional offices across agro-potential states of India.
- **Recent Initiatives - BHARATI Startup Challenge** - Aims to build globally competitive Indian agri and processed food products.
- In line with Atmanirbhar Bharat, Vocal for Local, Digital India, and Start-Up India, through shortlisting *100 startups for export acceleration* programme.
- **Regional Expansion** - APEDA organizes capacity building programmes and trade meets all over the country to encourage exports and facilitate the doubling of farmers' income.
- **Global Market Access** - APEDA helps Indian agricultural products reach new global markets like Europe, Asia, Latin America, and countries such as Iraq, Vietnam, and Saudi Arabia.

## References

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